

Summary of Work under Task 2 of Columbia/Snake Mainstem TMDL Contract

Overview

This is a brief summary of work conducted by Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd., under Task 2 of the Revised Statement of Work dated November 18, 2005 for the Columbia/Snake Mainstem TMDL Contract, 2Y-0314-NTSA. Task 1 was completed earlier. The work summarized here occurred during July through December 2005. More detail about specific activities conducted is contained in monthly progress reports submitted to the EPA project officer, Mary Lou Soscia.

Meetings

Ross & Associates planned, prepared for, and facilitated three meetings of the State/EPA Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) workgroup, consisting of representatives of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and EPA. Meetings were held **August 23, October 11, and December 7**.

In addition, we planned, prepared for, and facilitated the **October 25** Mid-Columbia Toxics Reduction meeting, held in Pendleton Oregon, which included participants from a variety of organizations. We also assisted with the follow up planning activities that emerged from this meeting.

Meeting Summaries

Ross & Associates prepared draft and final meeting summaries for these four meetings, reflecting the discussion and agreements developed at the meetings. These summaries are attached.

Revision to Preliminary Draft TMDL

The effort to revise the Preliminary Draft of the Columbia/Snake Mainstem TMDL is on hold pending discussion and resolution of related issues (such as how UAAs could or should affect the TMDL process) and development of additional information (such as how to deal with toxic contamination in the River). The information contained in the attached meeting summaries is available to be used in the development of the TMDL at such time as EPA, and other involved entities, determine that it is appropriate to resume that work on the TMDL documentation and implementation.